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---- WILL OF JAMES CRAIG. ----

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, JAMES CRAIG, of the County of Lunenburg, and Parish of Cumberland, being in perfect health, and of sound mind; but at the same time being duly sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, do make and ordain, and publish, this my last WILL and TESTAMENT, in manner and form following: Being firmly persuaded that my soul shall survive, and being also persuaded of my interest in the favor of Almighty God, I recommend it to its departure; hence to His care and protection, through the merits and meditation of the great mediator, that it maybe forever happy in the regions of Paradise.

And, I, James, order and direct that my body maybe buried in a decent and plain manner, according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Not doubting of its resurrection at the great day of Retritution, and participating with the soul in a glorious and joyful Immortality.

Respecting my worthy affairs, I arrear and direct, that my executors hereafter named, shall pay all my just and lawful debts, and if there should not be money sufficient in hand, or owing me, or if the crop of wheat, or tobacco and corn to be sold, should not be adequate to this purpose, then my desire is, that they shall dispose of as much of my personal estate, upon the best terms they can, as maybe necessary for that end.

The remainder of my personal estate, and my negroes, and their increase, I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my dearly beloved wife, MARY, and my beloved children; MARTHA, ANDERSON, STEVENSON; JAMES; MARY BOOKER; FRANCES; and GEORGE, rendering the clock for JAMES, if he arises to lawful age, or marries; if not, to GEORGE, to them and heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my son JAMES, my mill tract of land, which I bought of ROBERT KIRBY, of York County; the land I bought of THEOPHILUS EDDINGS; the land I bought of JAMES DAWS; and the land I bought of THOMAS HARDY, son of WILLIAM HARDY, to him and his heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to my son GEORGE, the land I bought from COL. THOMAS TABB, on Flatrock Creek; and the land I bought of BENJAMIN SMITH, adjoining it, to him and his heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath, my Library, to be equally divided between my sons, JAMES and GEORGE; but all my manuscripts, sermon books, and other books in divinity, and the book-case, I give to him that becomes a clergyman; but if neither of them shall choose that profession, than I give the book-case to JAMES, and give the books of Morality and Divinity, to be equally divided among the legatees aforesaid; and the rest of the books to be divided between GEORGE and JAMES .

I also give to my beloved sister-in-law, ELIZABETH STERMISAW TARRY, a horse and saddle, cow and calf, and the feather bed, and furniture, when she comes of lawful age or marries, to her and her heirs forever. This being all I intend she shall derive from this will. But if any of the above legatees should die before they become of age, or marry, my will and desire is, that their part or parts should return to the common stock and be equally divided among these survivors; except the lands hereby devised, which in case of the death of either of my said sons, shall go to the survivor, to him and his heirs forever; but if both die before they come of lawful age, or marry, then their part or parts shall be equally divided among my said daughters, to them and their heirs forever; and if any of the legatees shall die without lawful issue, my will and desire is that their part or parts shall return to the common stock, and be equally divided among the legatees who survive, subject to the same restrictions as above.

That my said sons may have a good education, my will and desire is, that they may be instructed in Grammar, English, Latin, Greek, and French; the Sciences, and be qualified in the best manner, and under the best Masters, for the profession they choose to follow.

Respecting my daughters; I desire that they may be taught to write and speak the English language, grammatically; Geography, Modern History, and particularly that of Europe, England, and America; Arithmetic and Bookkeeping, and that they be brought up to industry and economy; the proper management of servants, and a family.

And with respect to all my children, instruct them, or cause them to be instructed in the best manner, in morals and religion; particularly in the principles and practice of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and when they arrive at lawful age or marry, I desire that they may be put in possession of their respective legacies. I wish not my sons to marry before they have completed their education.

As long as my beloved wife continues single, my will and desire is that she shall live on any of my said lands she shall choose, keep possession of the household furniture, and the riding chair; and have in conjunction with any other executors, hereafter named, the management of the whole estate; raise and educate my said children, as above, defray the expenses thereof, out of the profits of the estate; and if any surplus after defraying the said expenses, and expense of the family, shall remain, let it be put into the common stock, for the common benefit of the above legatees. (I mean my wife and children.)

I also give and bequeath, my lower quarter lands, and the lands to which I expect I have a right to in Kentucky; located, and surveyed by Col. Boone, to be equally divided between my wife and children, to them and their heirs forever.

In fine; I order and appoint that my beloved wife; my brothers-in-law, GEORGE TARRY and EDWARD TARRY, and my sister-in-law, REBECCA TARRY, shall be Executors and Executrix, of this my LAST

and TESTAMENT. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto annexed my hand and seal this 3rd day of November, 1789/

Signed, Sealed, and Published and delivered, in presence of,

JAMES CRAIG. (SEAL)

At a court held for Lunenburg County the tenth (10th) day of September, 1795. The last WILL and TESTAMENT of the REV. JAMES CRAIG, deceased; was exhibited in Court, and proved to be the hand writing of the said amount by the oaths of,

WILLIAM TAYLOR.
ANTHONY STREET, GENT.

Which was ordered to be recorded,

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WILLIAM TAYLOR.

Lunenburg Courthouse Records.

Suppose to be William a Guye Farm?

Mary Tarry dau of Col ——— Tarry & Miss ——— Anderson of
Mecklenburg Co. (James Anderson family of Va.)

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